

more. When the lion would lay down with the lamb and there would be no more tears. Yet today we are beset with hostilities. Nations are embracing terrorism. Hatreds exist without reason.

Peace and truth go together. We must speak of peace with all who embrace peace and speak the truth about those who do not. Evil must be identified for what it is and once exposed to the sunlight of the truth, will waken, whither and fall. Terrorism and anti-Semitism are evil and must be rejected by all civilized people and every nation. Terrorism is practiced on the innocent and anti-Semitism on the vulnerable, and they are tools of dark souls. Those that employ these means must be confronted and renounced by all humanity.

Let us call on Syria and Iran, Sudan and North Korea to embrace the nobility of their heritage and renounce terrorism and anti-Semitism. Immunity from the wrath of hatred is impossible, but inoculation from the spread of this disease to future generations is both possible and necessary.

I yield the floor.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, morning business is closed.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 4567, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4567) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 3607, to provide funds for the American Red Cross.

Corzine Amendment No. 3619, to appropriate an additional \$100,000,000 to enhance the security of chemical plants.

Mikulski Amendment No. 3624, to increase the amount appropriated for firefighter assistance grants.

Kennedy Amendment No. 3626, to require the President to provide to Congress a copy of the Scowcroft Commission report on improving the capabilities of the United States intelligence community.

Dayton Amendment No. 3629, to ensure the continuation of benefits for certain individuals providing security services for Federal buildings.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, the Senate has made progress on this bill. We hope to continue to consider amendments during the remainder of the session today. The leader would like us to complete action on this bill tonight. I hope we can achieve that goal. If we can't, we can go into the next day and try to complete action before noon on Wednesday. But we hope we can complete action today. We urge Senators who have amendments, suggestions for changes in the bill, to come to the floor. We will consider those amendments and deal with them in an orderly way. We hope we can reject most of them. There are some we can agree to.

I see my good friend from Connecticut is on the floor and has an amendment. I am happy to yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Connecticut.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to lay the pending amendment aside.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 3630

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I send an amendment on behalf of myself and Senator SPECTER to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD], for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. SCHUMER, proposes an amendment numbered 3630.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that further reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To increase the amount provided for fire department staffing assistance grants; and to provide offsets)

On page 21, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFFING ASSISTANCE GRANTS

For necessary expenses for programs authorized by section 34 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2229a), to remain available until September 30, 2006, \$100,000,000: *Provided*, That not to exceed 5 percent of this amount shall be available for program administration: *Provided, further*, That the amount appropriated by title I under the heading "OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR MANAGEMENT" is hereby reduced by \$70,000,000, the amount appropriated by title IV under the heading "INFORMATION ANALYSIS AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION" is hereby reduced by \$20,000,000, and the amount appropriated by title IV under the heading "SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION" is hereby reduced by \$10,000,000.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I am offering this amendment dealing with the SAFER Act. This is the No. 1 priority of the various firefighting organizations of the United States, whether they be paid firefighters, volunteer

firefighters, fire chiefs organizations, and others. On behalf of Senators SPECTER, LEVIN, HARKIN, KENNEDY, SARBANES, DASCHLE, SCHUMER, and myself, we offer this important amendment.

I want to take a few minutes, with the full recognition that my friend and colleague from Mississippi wants to move matters along. I will take as little time as I can to explain this amendment and what we are trying to do, why I think it is a worthwhile amendment, how we pay for it, and why I don't feel that the offset we are suggesting here in any way would be detrimental to the Department of Homeland Security.

Our amendment will help the 33,000 fire departments across America—paid departments, volunteer departments, and combination departments. It will help them acquire the necessary personnel they need in order to fight fires and respond to situations all across the country, particularly terrorist incidents and other large-scale emergencies that may emerge.

Just yesterday, I spent a couple of hours with the fire department of Enfield, CT. I went out on one of the calls—a traffic accident. It turned out not to be a serious emergency, but the first vehicles to actually respond to the situation were the fire departments of Enfield. That happens every single day in this country. I think one firehouse in Enfield—one of five—has some 1,200 calls they respond to each year, to give you an idea of the magnitude of emergencies these departments are called upon to respond to every day of the year, all hours of the day and night.

Mr. President, this amendment is the single most important legislative priority of the International Association of Firefighters. It is also strongly supported by the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the National Volunteer Fire Council. If our colleagues support firefighters—and I know many, if not all, do—this is an opportunity to support bipartisan legislation that will make a huge difference in the personnel area of a fire department.

In particular, this amendment provides \$100 million for the SAFER Act, which stands for Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response. It was enacted last year with significant bipartisan support as part of the fiscal year 2004 Department of Defense Authorization Act. In fact, the lead sponsors at that time were Senator WARNER of Virginia, Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, along with Senators SARBANES, DASCHLE, SNOWE, CLINTON, CORZINE, DURBIN, JOHNSON, KERRY, LANDRIEU, MURRAY, REED, and SCHUMER.

The House of Representatives also has championed very similar, if not exact, legislation. It has been supported by the Chairman of the House Science Committee, SHERWOOD BOEHLERT of New York; Republican Congressman CURT WELDON, a tremendous champion of firefighters for many